# GENERAL WHEELER'S REPORT.

Guam; Its Area; Its Population and Its Productions.

### TOWNS NEAT AND COMPLETE.

Washington, April 2.-General Wheeler has submitted to the navy department a report upon his observations and impressions of the Island of Guam. He says the area of the island is about 150 square miles, of which one-half is susceptible to cultivation, although only one per cent is now under cultivation. The population is fixed at about 90,000 souls, nearly all of whom reside in the towns. The soil is very fertile. and fruits and staples are produced in quantity, the cocoanut trees especially having an appearance of thrift and bearing power superior to any seen before in the tropies. The dug dug and other bread fruit trees grow to an enormous size on the islands.

Deer and wild goats are found in abundance. Flying foxes are numerous and form one of the principal staples of food. Centipedes, wasps, large spiders and a species of small scorpion are common, but their bite or sting is not dangerous. There are no tarantulas and no snakes.

The principal and in fact the only industry of any consequence in Guam is the production and exportation of copra, the product in England selling for \$75 a ton. The towns of the island are very neat and complete, a good portion of them being built of stone, and the rest of nipa and bamboo. The roads, with a few exceptions, become very bad in the wet season, but as all the towns are on the coast, sea travel is always available. There is very little money on the island and wages are

The temperature is mild, and much cooler than that of the Philippines, although the inhabitants declare the heat in August and September is almost suffocating. The rainfall is very heavy, and dry days are few.

The people are very friendly and as a whole have regular features and erect

To the drinking water on the island is attributed a great amount of sickmess among others than natives, and a plant for distilling water has been erected at Agana, the principal town. Agana has about 6,400 inhabitants, and is described as being a clean well built little city.

The shipping bill was reported to the house by the Merchant Marine committee. The house passed the bill authorizing the sale of the Choctaw orphan Indian lands in Mississippi; with an appropriation of \$2,600 to carry to out.

Mr. Miller's (Kan.) bill, duplicate of Senator Bacer's bill mentioned above, was passed by the house.

### Webster Davis Resigns.

Washington, April 3 .- Webster Davis tenders his resignation to the president as assistant secretary of the interior. Mr. Davis decided to take this course as the result of his visit to South Africa.

He feels that so long as he holds a government position he would not be justified in giving free expression to his sentiments.

He believes the American people are not truly informed on the situation. He will therefore avail himself of an early opportunity to relate his experieuce and observations at a public meeting that shall be free to all. He has decided on this course after mature | ary in Washington by Baron Fava, the deliberation and free consultation with | Italian ambassador, and John A. Kas-

## Germany's Cheap Postage.

! Berlin, April 3 .- All the private postal companies is abolished and the imperial post will take their place throughout the empire, one private Berlin company alone receiving a million in damages. Simultaneously, the postage will be reduced for local postal eards to half a cent and for local letters to one cent, including all the suburbs.

Immigrants Four Into Manitoba. Winnipeg. Manitoba, March 3L-There are twenty-six immigrant trains enroute on the Canadian Pacific to this point, loaded with settlers and their

To Open the Big Horn Country.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 31.-The Burlington railroad company at a meeting of its directors held in Eoston recently, voted to build a branch of its Billings line, formerly the Big Horn Southern railway, commencing at Toluca station in Yellowstone county, Mont, and extending through the Crow Indian reservation to the southa general southwesterly direction Big Horn county.

the Burlington have appropriated \$2,000,000 for the work. Construction will begin at once and it is stated that Kilpatrick brothers have been awarded the contract for the work.

## Ahead of Quarantine.

Havana, April 3 .- Every steamer leaving here of late has been crowded. The local papers bewait the early quarantine. There has been no case of yellow fever reported during the variably one of the most healthful months of the year in Havana. Gov. General Wood says he hopes by May to \$100,000 per month. When he came here last December he found the figures exceeding \$200,000.

### CONGRESSIONAL HEWS.

What is Being Done in The Fifty-Sixth General Assembly.

General Assembly.

MARCH TWENTY EIGHT.

The house committee on military affairs recommend the reappointment of the present board of the national home. It was also agreed to offer an amendment to the military appropriation bill, giving travel pay 4 cents per mile. In lieu of the present system based on the theory that 20 miles is a day's march.

The Indian committee reported favorably the bill to abolish tribal relations in Indian Territory and to establish new taxes on non citizens for educational purposes.

There is a bill before congress to establish a civil service collere.

The commerce committee reported favorable on the bill on false branding of food and dairy products. MARCH TWENTY-SINE.

The senate spent much of the day on the Puerto Rican bill, and finally decided to vote upon it on April.

Senator Berry introduced a bill requiring the quartermaster's department to give preference in purchasing supplies to parties not connected with any trust or combine.

The pension committee asked for more clerks. There are 1.730 bills before the committee and bundreds of house bills still to come.

A bill was passed providing for testimony in behalf of the detendant in preliminary hearing of criminal cases.

After some routine business the house re-umed consideration of the army appropriation bill.

The bill to approve a revision and adjustment of sales of Otoc and Missouri Indian lands in Kansas and Nebraska was passed.

The public lands committee reported favorably the bill for a "Buffalo Reserve" in New Mexico, limited to 12,008 acres.

MARCH THIRTY.

The Senate passed the bill for the University at Langston, O. T., for colored students. Also the EI Heno cemetery bill.

Senator Jones (Ark.) introduced a bill authorizing a suit in the court of claims to settle the question of the citizenship of freedmen in the Chickasaw nation.

A bill was introduced providing \$49,000 for Indians, representing telbes, in attendance on the Buffalo Pan-American exposition. MARCH THIRTY.

Mr. Curtis of Kansas introduced a bill to create a division of criminal information in the de ariment of justice.

The post-office appropriation bill carries \$1,750,000 for rural delivery and \$725,000 for pneumatic tube service.

Mr. Culberson (Tex.) offered a joint resolution directing that families of wounded soldiers be kept reasonably advised of the condition of the men.

MARCH THIRTY-ONE. MARCH THIRTY-ONE.

The Senate by resolution asked what surveys had benn made in recently acquired islands.

The house before passing the army appropriation birl amended it somewhat, by opening soldiers' homes to volunteer and regular soldiers who have seen recent service, and giving volunteers one month's extra pay if they served within the United States, and two months' extra pay to those who served abroad.

The Loud bill relating to second-class matter was again reported to the house, amended to meet objections.

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Much time was expended on Southern claims. Several claims for cotton burned by confederates were referred to the court of claims Mr. Cox of Tennessee, who commanded the forces who burned the cotton occupied a seat is the house. the house.

A bill to pay damages for the cutting of a cable by Dewey, at Manila was tabled.

APRIL SEGNED.

The Senate used up still another day on the Puerto Rican measure.

Senator Baker (Kan.) introduced a bill giving cities and towns in the Indian territory having a population of 1,000, authority to borrow money on bomis. Also a bill to provide for the sale of isolated cructs of land of the Osage trust and diminished reserve lands in Kansas.

### Flour Mills Burned.

San Francisco, April 3.-The Yosemite flour mills, a four-story brick building, the factory of the California Paste company, a three-story frame structure, part of which was occupied by the Custom Grain and Fuel company, and several small dwellings, are burned. Total loss estimated at \$200,-000. One fireman and two spectators were injured.

Reciprocity With Italy.

Rome, April 3 .- The treaties commission of the Italian chamber of deputies has approved the reciprocity arrangement under the third section of the Dingley act, signed last Februson, special plenipotentiary for the Inited State

Back Pay in Navy Department.

Washington, April 3 .- Secretary Long has recommended to congress that the employes of the navy department be paid for their excessive time in office from January 30, 1898, to January 30, 1899, due to the necessity, during the Spanish war, of keeping many of the bureaus open for most of the 24 hours of the day.

Long Electric Line.

Kansas City, April 2.—The work of laying the track for the Kansas City, Lawrence and Topeka Electric line will begin in a short while. The grading of the roadbeds has been in progress for the past two months. It was feared that this proposed electric railway would have its grants transferred to the Stilwell line, but all such fears were laid aside, when it was announced by the road's officials that there would be no such interference, official by title only, as to "The Gover-

Illegal Combination Charged.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.-Two pe era line of the state, and from there in | titions to the interstate commerce commission were filed here. Both seventy miles in Wyoming through allege an illegal combination, between the Southern California. Southern The road will go to Cody City in Big Pacific and Santa Fe railway com-Horn basin and its entire length will panies. The complainants are the be about 250 miles. The directors of Consolidated Forwarding company and the South California Eruit exchange. The three railroads are alleged to be in combination in routing and handling refrigerator cars, carrying California fruits to eastern points.

Austria's Snow Fall.

Vienna, April 3.—Snow commenced falling late last week and there is now the heaviest body of snow known for years. The streets are impassible, and the tramways suspended traffic. Not last five weeks and that April is in- until late this afternoon were the street cleaners, thousands of whom were called out, able to clear the principal thoroughfares sufficiently to 'have reduced Havana's civil budget to allow even a slight resumption of traffic. In many parts of Austria railway service ceased entirely. Many

# WANT TROOPS TO REMAIN.

A Reign of Terror and Tyranny, Seldom Equalled.

## PETITION OF 2,500 CITIZENS.

Washington, April 3 .- Governor Steuenberg, of Idaho, called at the war department and presented in person to Secretary Root the petition to which he referred while under examination before the house committee on military affairs, in favor of retention of federal troops in the disturbed mining districts. The governor had refused to produce he had first submitted it to the secretary of war, to whom it was addressed. The petition bears about 2,500 signatures, and recites that all of the signers are citizens of Idaho and of the county of Shoshone and the Coeur D'Alene mining district. They petition that the secretary of war allow the small force of federal troops to remain in the quarters provided for them and occupied by them at the town of Osborn, Shoshone county, for as long a time as Governor Stuenberg may think their presence necessary for the preservation of peace and order.

The citizens also express their approval of all the acts that have been done by the governor and the officials of the state to preserve peace and order and to bring criminals to justice.

The petition says that some of the acts of the state authorities may appear to people at a distance to be drastic and severe, but the signers, who are familiar with the conditions which existed for several years prior to the declaration of martial law, last May, know that drastic measures were necessary to stop the band of conspirators who, shielding themselves behind the name of labor organizations, had created a reign of terror and tyranny seldom equaled.

In conclusion the signers beg to state that the efforts of the governor and state officials, assisted by the military authorities, have brought peace and good order to the district and given an impetus to all business interests and a sense of safety to all people, which are appreciated and for which the signers are grateful.

Osage Agency Still Unsettled.

Washington, April 3 .- There is a Agent Pollock of the Osages will soon cease to serve in that capacity. Some put his retirement as early as April 30. There is a good deal of speculation as to his successor. Some think that O. A. Mitscher of Oklahoma City will get the place; others that John Jensen, at present agent of the Poncas, is likely to be struck by the lightning.

American Park In Turkey.

Constantinople, March 31.-The porte has informed the United States legation that in future the importation of American pork will be prohibited, giving as a reason for the prohibition that the meat is injurious to the public health.

Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States charge d'affairs, protested energetically, demanding the annulling of the measure.

High Schaol Contest.

Topeka, April 3 .- A county high chool fight has opened up in Crawford county. There is a general desire on the part of the people of that county to establish the school but no agreement can be reached as to where it should be located. Three towns are after it-Girard, Walnut and Cherokee. The indications are that the local fight | the recommendation of the congreswill result in the defeat of the high school proposition altogether.

The President on Kentucky. Washington, March 30 .- The presilent has informed Kentucky Republicans that, while he cannot interfere with Kentucky affairs to the extent of disarming the militia of either faction, he is willing, so far as he can legitimately do so, to recognize the Republican officials of that state as the de facto officials. He told them in the same connection that he would give directions that mail addressed to an nor," or "The Secretary of State," should be delivered to the Republicans holding those offices, as they held certificates from the returning board and were first inaugurated.

Anti-Prize Fight Bill in Iowa. Des Moines, Ia., March 30.-The senate has passed a stringent anti-prizefight bill. It provides that whoever engages in any sparring or boxing match with or without gloves, for a prize, purse or consideration, shall be fined \$300. The bill applies also to the owner of the building, and any person

who aids or abets a contest.

Indianapolis Union Printers. Indianapolis, Ind., April 3 .- A general strike of union printers employed by members of the National Typothetae may be ordered as a result of a meeting of the executive board of this order in Chicago when seven of the nine board members voted to levy an assessment of \$50,000 for the purpose of carrying on the fight against the union printers in Kansas City, Mo. The executive council of the International Typographical union is considering the attitude of the typothetae.

### SUB COMMISSION'S VIEWS.

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Put Their Own Laws Above the Laws of

Chicago, April, 3 .- "From the evidence we have heard it appears that the statutes are not being regarded in Chieago's labor contest," said Chairman A. E. Clarke, of the industrial subcommission. "The labor men seem to enforce their own laws, without respect to the laws by which all are bound. I will not say that the contractors and manufacturers are entirely without blame. It is very evident, however, that the situation in Chicago is most desperate and something must be done. I am completely at sea as to what recommendations will be made by the the petition before the committee until nineteen members of the industrial commission who have been hearing witnesses in this city, but we all agree that there must be more regard for law. The labor unions, in my opinion, cannot win by striving to enforce their laws by violence or physical strength. Unless they respect the laws of the nation, they cannot expect to have their own laws respected."

Commissiouer Harris agreed with Chairman Clarke as to the gravity of the situation. "The contractors have presented a good case," he said. They seem to have been imposed on and cannot be censured for calling a halt."

Weeding Out Sinecures.

Havana, April 3.—Governor General Wood has ordered all heads of departments in the island to furnish a list of the employes in the various branches of the state service, setting forth their respective salaries and duties and also offering an opinion with reference to what changes, if any, ought to be made in their compensation and as to whether any of the employes are superfluous. These lists will be submitted to a special committee who will inquire into each case and will submit recommendations accordingly. General Wood intends to look carefully through the list himself. He is taking this step himself that there are no government employes who are enjoying sinecures: that the outlay of salaries is not excessive and that the more highly placed public servants are not finding berths for their friends and proteges.

#### The Government's Balance Sheet.

Washington, April 3.-Secretary Gage stated at a cabinet meeting that, since July 1, 1 500, there had accumulated a surplus of revenues over receipts umor among the politicians here that of about \$53,000,000 and that by the end of June of this year it probably would amount to over \$60,000,000. This surplus is accounted for by large receipts for customs, and by a material reduction in the expenditures on account of war. The secretary is of the opinion that the present rate of taxation might safely be reduced to some extent, and it was with a view to a possible recommendation to congress by the president on the subject that the secretary made his statement.

Theater Burned.

Chicago, April 2.-The Columbia theater, one of the oldest and most popular playhouses in the city, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$190,000. Other occupants of the building suffered an aggregate loss estimated at \$20,000. The insurance upon the theater amounts to \$100,000 and all other losses are also protected. The Columbia theater was built by J. H. Hoverley a short time after the Chicago fire.

Removes a Polygamist.

Washington, April 2.- The postmaster general has removed from office the postmaster at Provost, U., upon sional committee, which investigated charges that he is a polygamist.

A Special Train for one Man.

Chicago, March 31.-Alex R. Peacock, vice president of the Carnegie Steel company, chartered a special train over the Santa Fe route at Los Angeles under an agreement to land him in Pittsburg today at noon. At that hour a meeting of the company is called at which his presence is necessary. The special consists of an engine, the private car "Convoy" and an accommodation coach. The train reached Chisago, a distance of 2,265 miles, in fiftyeight hours and a half. An average speed of 38.9 miles was maintained the entire distance. The trip cost Mr. Peacock \$4,000.

Wilhelm Strikes for a Raise

Berlin, March 30 .- A million dollars more a year is wanted by Emperor William, his present salary of \$8,500,-000 a year proving insufficient to maintain his household. He has requested the reichstag to give him the increase.

He has had an increase nearly every year since 1889, though his father managed to save something on \$2,000,000 a year.

Ocean Mail Contract.

Washington, April 3 .- The contract for carrying mail from San Francisco to Sidney, N. S.W., touching Honolulu, some port in the Samoan islands, and Auckland, N. Z., will be awarded to the Oceanic Steamship company of San Francisco of which John D. Spreckels is president. This company was the only one which submitted a bid. The compensation will amount to about \$16,000 a round trip, seventeen trips each year. The contract will be for ten years from November 1, 1900.

## COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS

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### THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Governor General Wood is the father of a 10-pound girl, born in Havana.

The Belgian state rallways have or dered 12 locomotives from Philadelphia.

C. H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, has been nominated for a sixth term in Con-

The Iowa senate has passed a bill to tax the capital stock and surplus of express companies.

War is brewing between Nicaragua on the one hand and Costa Rica and Salvador on the other

The Merchant's National Bank of Rutland, Vt., has closed its doors. The cashier is short \$145,000.

Forty-eight young women have just graduated from the Women's law course of the University of New York.

The bill in the Iowa legislature to prohibit the railroads from issuing passes to public officials was defeated. Two banks at Keene N. H., have

petitioned for an assignce. Both owe more than the amount of their assets. In congress the policy of rushing officers through grades of the army just prior to retirement is being criti-

The Italian chamber of deputies forced their president to adjourn without a session, by raising a tumult and pelting him with paper balls.

The hearing by the Texas Railroad Commission at Austin brought together the general officers of the railroads interested and the chiefs of the various orders of railroad men.

Paul Kruger's last proclamation warns women and children to leave Bloemfontein as he intends to bombard and destroy the city and to shoot the burghers he may capture there.

Word comes from Copenhagen that the negotiations going on anent the sale of the Danish West Indies, are blocked by the question of who shall bear the expense of the transfer.

The industrial commission heard complaints in Chicago against department stores. The small traders say they are forced out of business and the clerks complain that their wages are ent to an average of \$1.50 a week, 80 per cent of the places being given to women.

All the accused men, in custody at Frankfort, charged with conspiracy in the Goebel assassination, waived examination

Rumors are current that the Illinois Central contemplates purchasing the Gulf & Ship Island railroad, now building, and changing its Gulf terminus from Gulfport to Biloxi.

The plant of the Mountville, Pa., manufacturing company, makers of agricultural implements, is destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,-000; insurance \$32,000.

The new order allowing postoffice money orders to be cashed at any first or second class post office, no matter on what office they are drawn.

Governor Taylor of Kentucky says he will continue to act under the agreement which provided that there should be no change until action of the supreme court.

A correspondent cables that the Boer forces have been reequipped and he says he is fully convinced that 15,-000 foreign troops have been landed to aid the republies.

A rate of one fare plus \$2 has been made for the Trans-Mississippi congress to be held at Houston, Tex., on April 17 to 20.

The duke of York has accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of shamrock seed, which will be sown upon the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

About 300 men, one-half the force employed by the Knoxville Woolen Mills, have quit work because the company opposes their joining labor

Is the Potato Overdoner

One eminent authority on cooking, who has issued several books upon the subject, calls for a crusade against the potato. It is, she holds, an over-estimated vegetable. Certainly there is something odd in the place it has taken in the domestic economy. There are other vegetables quite as cheap and quite as palatable, that might at least occasionally be offered in its place. But still the potato triumphs. It has become a sort of superstition. How many times have children who did not like potatoes been made to eat them? And they are not a par-ticularly valuable article of food

Automobiles Used for Towing. The haulage of boats by automobiles

along the canal between Brussels and Charlerol has demonstrated, after a long trial, that the new method of towing is three times quicker than horse traction. The automobile derives its energy from a railway composed of six lines, three of high tension (6,000 volts), and three of low tension, on which the trolleys run. The electricity is furnished by three dynamos, each of 120 horse power.-Philadelphia Record.

Good Gunnery.

Some extraordinary shooting by the British gunners is recorded. The conditions of firing were that each gun's crew should score what it could in three minutes, beginning at 2,200 yards, diminishing to 1,000 yards and then increasing to 2,200 yards again. It is asserted that the Blake fired 148 shots from ten guns, hitting the target 110 times. The best crew eighteen shots and made fifteen hits. The Royal Arthur's best gun crew hit the target fourteen times out of eight-

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It is a curious fact, brought out in Prof. McKim's new book on heredity, that 268 people to the thousand are morbidly afraid of cows. There was an English dog fancier who had a setter, which "set" a passing ship. Investigation showed that the captain of the merchantman had shot a brace of ducks as he sailed into the harbor. The setter smelled those ducks across a mile of water and through a wall of oak. But we can beat that record. We can produce an example of smelling "errancy" across 700 miles of land where there is none. McKim says there are 203 people to the thousand who are morbidly afraid of ghosts. will drop a line to the professor, and

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tell him in his next edition to make it

My little 4-year-old girl's eyes were so weak from birth that she could not stand any light at all. Was treated by several physicians without benefit. My neighbors induced me to buy Mor-Sarsaparilla and Iron from Mr. O. Daugherty, Banock, Ky. Three bottles not only restored her sight. but made her stronger and healthier than she ever was in her life.

DAVID KESSING. Sold by agent in every town.

Lead Mines on the Isle of Man. Laxey, in the Isle of Man, is the

headquarters of the lead mines in the islands, more than one half of the ore being obtained there. It is celebrated also for its great wheel which was erected in 1854. Its diameter is seventy-two feet, and so splendidly is it set un that there is no oscillation, and it has been going practically ever since

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The Life of a Gun.

The bigger the gun the shorter its life. Those monsters, the 110-ton guns, cannot be reckoned upon to fire more than eighty fullcharge rounds without becoming quite useless. gun can fire 105 rounds, while the sixinch breech-loader is good for 400 or 500 full-charge rounds.

The Largest Vineyard. Sunny Slope, Cal., enjoys the distinction of being the largest vineyard in the world. It is situated amid the most beautiful scenery of that favored land, two miles from San Gabriol. Of a total of 1,900 acres, 735 are devoted to grape vine, the remainder being distributed among orange trees (of which there are 12,000), lemon and olive trees

-Cincinnati Enquirer.